

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

July 8th, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Schwarz at 7:05 pm. Eight members were present. The meeting was conducted online using Zoom due to the pandemic. This online meeting and agenda were posted on the City of West Linn's website and numerous reminders were sent to members.

Minutes from the May 5th, 2020 meeting were approved with 8 aye votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstains.

SONA Treasurer, Patrick McGuire, reported via email that the current SONA balance is \$5,600.16.

Old Business:

An update was given by Roberta Schwarz on the White Oak Savanna. An all-day mowing of several acres of the meadows will be done on July 13th and will be paid for by individual neighbors who are contributing to have this done by a private professional crew. The Park Department said they did not have enough money to help with the cost. The Park Director is going to sign the contract with the vendor and will send a nonprofit thank you letter to each of the neighbors who wrote a check to contribute. The City used to do this mowing for the first 6 years that the Savanna was a park, but they stopped doing this about four years ago. The reasons it is important to do this mowing every year are two-fold: wildfire prevention and reduction of six invasive plant species in the meadows. Those invasive species of plants include Armenian or Himalayan Blackberry, Wild Teasel, Canada Thistle, Herb Robert, Bed Straw, and Woolly Mullein.

The "Red Box" from the City was parked at the three different spots at the Savanna for three different fill ups by Roberta. Wood fuels that were caused when trees and branches came down in high winds during the past year pose a wildfire hazard, so this was a Fire Wise activity.

The Public Records Request for any and all of the specific records, communications, and the actual work produced in exchange for the \$19,000 expenditure made by the City of West Linn to Strategies 360 for public relations work for several elected officials and staff related to the Michael Fesser case was finally complied with by the City after 13 weeks of waiting by the members of SONA. The several emails full of information is available to anyone who would like to read them. Just email the Savanna Oaks NA at SavannaOaksNA@westlinnoregon.gov

New Business:

1. The filing period for City Council and Mayor will be open through August 25th at 5 pm. Information is available on the City Website at <https://westlinnoregon.gov/citycouncil/city-council-elections>
2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Audit and Training was discussed
3. Police Oversight Board Application were discussed
4. Using YourGov to report City issues like sidewalks that need to be repaired was discussed. The City website is reachable at <https://westlinnoregon.gov/YourGOV>

Ed Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 7:45